

flow rate, and wherein the ratio of said first volumetric flow rate to said second volumetric flow rate ranges from about 20:1 to about 50:1.

U.S. 6,514,897 uses the term “substantially constant” with respect to the diameter of catalyst particles as follows:

19. The structure of claim 18, wherein said extrudates have a **substantially constant** diameter, are cylindrical and symmetrical around the extrudate longitudinal axis.

Thus, the patent literature is replete with examples where the term “substantially constant” is used in the claims and was not indefinite. Thus, those skilled in the art would clearly understand the metes and bounds of the phrase “substantially constant,” as claimed, such that the claim is not indefinite. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The provisional rejection of claims 1-9 and 13-15 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-5 of co-pending application 10/808,282 is obviated by the enclosed terminal disclaimer disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent issuing from the above-identified application which would extend beyond the full statutory term of a patent issuing from U.S. 10/808,282. In view of applicants’ filing of the terminal disclaimer, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit this application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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